



Thame Remembers

Private
William Robert Loosley



William Robert Loosley was born in Towersey in 1888 the sixth of nine children born to George and Sarah Ann Loosley (nee Chowns). By 1901 he was a live-in errand boy with grocer George Bailey at 107 High Street Thame, and in 1911 his widowed mother and family were living at 2 Bridge Terrace, Thame.

William joined the Grenadier Guards on 29th August 1906 at the age of 18 and served as a Guardsman with regimental number 12843. He departed for France with the 2nd Battalion of the Grenadier Guards on 13th August 1914 and died a month later in the battle at Soupir, France where the British Expeditionary Force was trying to stem the German advance.

He was killed in action on the 14/15th September 1914 one of the earliest casualties of the war. He has no known grave and is commemorated on La Ferte-Sous-Jouarre Memorial, Seine-et-Marne, France.

William is remembered in Thame on the War Memorial and on All Saints church Memorial Board.



**The
Thame Remembers Cross
was delivered
to his memorial on
17th July 2015
by
Helen Turner
Thame Resident**

